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SUBJECT:

Proposed Administrative Procedure Act of 1967

- 1. This bill changes the current law by streamlining the rulemaking and adjudicative procedures of administrative agencies. A discussion of specific changes in the law would be exceedingly lengthy, but generally the new law seeks to overhaul administrative procedures by separating policymaking functions from adjudicative functions. The bill relieves policymakers from the responsibility of deciding cases as well as making policy. It also stresses the necessity and desirability of increased rulemaking by the policymakers in order to avoid the prevalence of ad hoc decisions.
- 2. In the adjudicative area, the bill provides for expeditious court procedures such as specific pleadings, prehearing conferences and interlocutory appeals so that cases may be decided with greater celerity. The bill also gives all persons the right to counsel whether they appear voluntarily or involuntarily before any agency, and whether their appearance is in the course of an agency investigation or an agency proceeding.

3. Only two provisions of this bill appear to apply directly to CIA. One of these is the right to counsel mentioned above. This provision would appear to provide that one could be represented by counsel during a report of survey proceeding or even during an accident investigation. Another provision of the bill requires every agency or action exempted by the bill because national defense or foreign policy is involved to inform to the greatest extent practicable to the procedures of the bill. The Agency is exempted from the public information and rulemaking sections of the bill for reasons of national defense. Although applicable to the Agency, this provision would appear to have slight impact because the rulemaking and public information sections stress disclosure to the public of agency proceedings, opinions and orders. No other provision of the bill seems to affect Agency actions or procedures.

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